
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Economic Impact Statement

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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:

420 check stations subject to [312 IAC 9-3-2](#) (deer) and [312 IAC 9-4-11](#) (wild turkeys).

1 commercial fishing license holder for inland waters ([312 IAC 9-8-4](#) and [312 IAC 9-8-5](#)).

2 pig farms/restaurants that import and possess a species of pig that meets the definition of a "wild pig" in this rule and sell the meat for human consumption ([312 IAC 9-3-18.6](#)).

Estimated Average Annual Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Small Businesses Will Incur for Compliance:

Requirements to enter the information on the DNR's electronic harvest reporting system will cost a small business that is a check station an estimated \$3,984 a year (\$8/hr x 498 hours). However, the requirements for the check stations are less than the current requirements, since individuals will enter information on the computer instead of writing everything out by hand and mailing the forms back to the DNR. If the business does not already have a computer and Internet, there would be an additional cost.

No new requirements for commercial fishing license holders ([312 IAC 9-8-4](#) and [312 IAC 9-8-5](#)).

No new requirements for pig farms or restaurants that have certain species of pigs ([312 IAC 9-3-18.6](#)).

Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses to Comply:

\$3,984 for check stations to enter information about deer and wild turkeys that are harvested on the DNR's electronic harvest reporting system. However, the requirements for the check stations are less than the current requirements, since individuals will enter information on the computer instead of writing everything out by hand and mailing in the forms to the DNR. If the business does not already have a computer and Internet, there would be an additional cost.

Justification Statement of Requirement or Cost:

It should take less time for employees to enter information into the electronic reporting system for each deer or turkey that is checked in, saving the business time (and money) from having to fill out the check station materials by hand and send them to the DNR. Furthermore, check stations offer this service voluntarily because it usually brings customers into their place of business where other items may be purchased. If the business already sells hunting and fishing licenses, which most of them do, this will simply be another page on the same system.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:

If the DNR did not change this rule, check stations would continue to enter the information onto the forms by hand, taking more time for their employees to complete and mail to the DNR. Hunters have to stand in long lines on opening day of the deer firearms season at some check stations while the information is being recorded by hand and tags are distributed, which does not provide good customer service. Check stations volunteer to provide this service because it brings in customers to their place of business. Furthermore, this saves time for the DNR by not having to enter the information into a database and distribute the materials to the check stations (which is done individually by conservation officers), as well as provide accurate, up-to-date information about deer and wild turkeys that are harvested throughout the season.

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